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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : LIDOR-HADAS, Ramy
et. al.
Serial No. : 10/045,970 Examiner: L. STOCKTON
Filed : January 11, 2002 Art Unit: 1614
For : A NOVEL PROCESS FOR PREPARING PURE ONDANSETRON
HYDROCHLORIDE DIHYDRATE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 7, 2002, Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the claims of Group I, i.e., claims 1-3 and 42-47, for further prosecution in this application. Applicants respectfully request a FOUR-MONTH time extension of time and thereby to extend the response date to January 7, 2003 and hereby authorize you to charge payment of the extension fee to Kenyon & Kenyon's Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

This election is made without prejudice to the filing of a divisional application(s) directed to non-elected inventions.

Applicants request that claims in the group I can be rejoined with the claims in group IV after the allowance of group

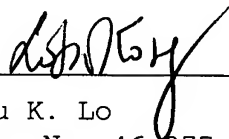
I. This election is made with traverse because the claims in group IV (26-41) are directed to the preparation of the pure products that the claims in group I (1-3 and 42-47) are drawn to. Applicants note that both classification and sub-classification for groups I, III and IV are identical. They do not require a separate field search and do not impose undue burden on the examiner.

An action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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